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OUR SOLEMN DUTY.

We have always regarded the position of an editor as a very responsible one; and as we pen the lines we feel it with more force than ever before.

For fifteen years this writer has week by week endeavored to write and print something for the good of the people of Halifax county, and when we have failed in this purpose, it has not been because of indifference or insincerity, but because of inability.

We wish every citizen of Halifax county the highest possible measure of good; but as God is our judge, we believe it to be our solemn duty, by virtue of the responsibility we bear, to warn the white people of Halifax county against any move for independence in politics.

It is unwise, it is dangerous, and if persisted in it will bring disaster upon the county.

OUR EARNEST PLEA.

There is serious division amongst the white people of Halifax. There is a division, and however small the division amongst the white people of this county, it is serious.

THE COMMONWEALTH has no words of bitterness or denunciation for any one; for the white people of Halifax county need to be held together rather than driven apart. We do not blame any free white voter for having an individual opinion and choice of his own; but if there was to be dissatisfaction with the county ticket nominated July 1st, it ought to have been fought out in the convention.

It is not the wise thing to do to go into a convention, participate in its proceedings and then bolt and declare not to stand by its work.

Good people of Halifax county, in 1898 and in 1900 when North Carolina was passing through the very throes of a political revolution which outlasted in some respects the State's struggles in 1868 and 1869, the eyes of the whole State turned to Halifax county for an example of union and harmony, and grandly and beautifully was it given here. The true Democracy of the State is now shocked to see Halifax county's record for union and harmony so soon broken.

White men of the county, we plead with you not to allow the fruit of our toils and labors together to be lost before we can enjoy even the first gathering.

It will not do—it must not be.

MR. KITCHIN MISQUOTED.

Elsewhere reference is made to Hon. Claude Kitchin's speech in Halifax Monday, and notwithstanding he made a most conservative speech we learn that he has been wotfully misquoted. He was very conservative in all that he said. It has been reported that unkind things were said against the bolters, or independents. That is a mistake. He said an independent movement of the kind is generally supported by three classes of persons: (1) Those who have desired office but have been disappointed; (2) those who wish to go the Republican party but can't quite make the whole jump at once; and (3) those who do not take time to think about the matter carefully and intelligently. To the first class he said he had nothing to say; to the second class he had nothing to say, for whatever he might say to them would be lost. But to the third class he made a strong appeal to consider well the consequences of such movement. He begged them to remain in the regular Democratic organization. Of the few leaders he said that unless they reverse the experience of all similar movements they will go to the Republican party. To ask them back would be useless, for they would not come.

Mr. Kitchin's speech was not bitter, but on the contrary was conservative and persuasive.

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THE CORRECT VIEW.

The Newton Enterprise makes some wise editorial suggestions about the division of the forces for any political party for good.

Among other things it says: "And talk and moralize as much as you please about party and partisanship, government by party is the bed-rock foundation and preserving force of a republic. No great principle of government was ever inaugurated, nor any fault corrected in a republic except through some great political party. Party, then, is an absolute necessity to a republic, and organization and fealty are absolutely necessary to the life and usefulness of a party."

"This year there is a most systematic and determined effort making in North Carolina to bring out independent Democratic candidates for all offices. All kinds of arguments and excuses are made for such action. But all are made with the view of weakening the Democratic party and electing Republican candidates. In counties where old Democratic candidates are renominated the promoters of independentism insidiously try to work up a feeling against 'court-house rings' and the unfairness accorded new men. Where old officers are defeated, they as industriously harp on the wickedness of the machine. The purpose in both cases is the same—to encourage and work up dissension with the hope of either getting out independent candidates or dampening the zeal of a portion of the party's former most energetic and trusted workers."

HON. CLAUDE KITCHIN SPOKE.

After being solicited by a number of Democrats at Halifax Monday, Hon. Claude Kitchin spoke in the court house at two o'clock to a large and attentive audience. It was a strong and forceful speech. He spoke exclusively of the independent movement among the white people of the county and gave solemn warning against the results of it. He pleaded eloquently, and pathetically for union and harmony among them. Taking up the records of such independent movements, he showed that they have always proved disastrous and have in the end handed their influence with the Republican party.

He contrasted the work of the Democratic and Republican parties in this State and begged the white men of Halifax county to desist from any course which will give aid or assistance to the Republicans at all.

MASON SPOKE.

At the conclusion of Mr. Kitchin's speech, there were many calls for Hon. C. W. Mason, of Northampton. He responded in a happy speech for the occasion. He said that the work of the campaigns of 1898 and 1900 is just now beginning. The work of the Democratic party in those campaigns was preparatory for the work that lies ahead of us now. He said he thought that the Democratic party in the State was in harmony, judging from the work of the great State convention in Greensboro. He urged harmony and begged the white men of Halifax county to stand together as in all former times. His speech was well received and it was a happy and a fortunate appeal.

ONE HUNDRED BARBECUES.

There will be a grand Democratic rally at Halifax Thursday, Aug. 28th, at which it is proposed to have a hundred barbecues prepared and a big dinner for all. Every white man in the county is invited and the day will be a memorable one.

Good speakers will be present and the county's welfare will be calmly discussed.

Every stroke for any division among the white people of Halifax county now is a help to drive an entering wedge in the interest of the Republicans.

MAITLAND, FLA., October 10th, 1901

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W. A. HEARD, M. D.

GRAND DEMOCRATIC RALLY.

A mass meeting of the Democratic voters of Halifax county is hereby called to meet at Halifax on Monday the 1st day of September to nominate a Democratic ticket against the ring ticket, to be voted for at the November election. All Democratic voters in favor of this move are cordially invited to attend. Done by order of the executive committee this 15th day of August, 1902.

Dr. H. B. FERGUSON, Chairman.
JOSEPH F. McMAHON, Secretary.

THE COMMONWEALTH prints the foregoing announcement, not because we are in any way in sympathy with the independent movement in the county, but because we wish to be entirely fair with every one.

Last week we gave our views of this movement and elsewhere in this issue we emphasize it again; and we call attention to the fact that the announcement made above does not come from the regular Democratic organization in the county, though it is headed "Grand Democratic Rally."

The cry against "ring rule" was raised some years ago by Marion Butler, Cy Thompson and others, and every white man in the State knows full well the awful result.

We hope our friends, the movers in this matter, will desist from their purpose, and if they have grievances seek to have them redressed, not in bolting or in an independent movement, but inside the Democratic organization.

The regular Democratic convention has been held and the ticket nominated; and whatever grievances Democrats had to express ought to have been expressed in that convention.

MR. GREGORY NOT AN INDEPENDENT.

TILLEY, N. C., August 19, 1902.
Editor The Commonwealth:
Dr. Ferguson was in Tilley about the time the independent move was commenced and we had a talk, and I told him I was not in favor of all of the old ticket.

From this talk, I suppose he concluded that I was with the movement. However, I wish to say that I am not in favor of this or any other movement and that the use of my name on the circular sent out by the independents was without my consent and unauthorized.

Letter from Mr. McMahon, herewith attached will explain.

PERRY C. GREGORY.

HALIFAX, N. C., August 15, 1902.—We wish to announce that the name of Mr. Perry Gregory was inserted in error in our last circular letter regarding the independent move in politics in this county, and that we regret same very much.

JOSEPH F. McMAHON, Secy.



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Notice
North Carolina, Halifax County.
In the Superior Court.
August Term, 1902.
L. B. Mills, P. T. Anthony, A. McDowell and Claude Kitchin, doing business under the firm name and style of The S. N. Shirt Company, vs.
D. Jones, Joseph Jones, Jones, Jones, doing business under the firm name and style of D. Jones and Sons.

The defendants and others will take notice that the above-entitled action has been commenced in the Superior Court of Halifax county, said State, by the above-named plaintiffs against the said defendants for the recovery of the sum of three thousand and six hundred and eighty two dollars due for work done under contract for the manufacture of shirts and for damages for breach of contract for the manufacture of shirts. That a warrant of attachment against the property of the defendants has this day been issued returnable to the next Term of the Superior Court of Halifax County at a Court to be held in Halifax on the second Monday before the first Monday in September next, it being Monday the eighteenth day of August, 1902, when and where defendants are required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint.

Given under my hand this 25th day of July 1902. S. M. GARY.
7-31-02. Clerk Superior Court.

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7-21-02.

Notice.
Having qualified as executor of the will of B. M. Bradley before the Clerk of the Superior Court for Halifax county, all persons having claims against his estate are hereby notified to present them to me at Hogwood, North Carolina, on or before the 1st day of August, 1903, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate settlement. This July 25, 1902.
S. D. Bradley, Executor of B. M. Bradley.
7-31-02.

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